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June 20, 2006

## **CERTIFIED MAIL** (Return Receipt Requested)

Gary Gray, Engineer Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Gray:

Subject:

Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) Permit Number UT0024368 – Genwal Mine Facility.

Pursuant to Part I.D.1.b/ of the above referenced UPDES permit for your facility, a determination has been made by the Executive Secretary that the Genwal Mine Facility (Genwal) can no longer meet the effluent limitations for total dissolved solids (TDS). Specifically, the one (1) ton per day TDS loading limitation has been exceeded at Genwal for the months of February, March and April of 2006. As stated in Part I.D.1. of your UPDES permit, if the 30-day average TDS concentration exceeds 500 mg/L, then the 1-ton/day TDS loading limitation applies as a sum of all outfalls.

Also included in Part I.D.1.b/ of your UPDES permit, are provisions for participating in salinity-offset projects to account for any and all TDS loadings greater than 1-ton/day, which also have a 30-day average TDS concentration greater than 500 mg/L. If Genwal will be participating in salinity-offset projects to fully comply with your UPDES permit, then a Salinity-Offset Project Plan and proof of funding shall be submitted to and approved by the Executive Secretary within six (6) months of the date of this determination letter.

Please advise this office of your corrective action plan to maintain full compliance with your UPDES permit. Your written response is requested within 14 days upon receipt of this letter. The Division of Water Quality appreciates Genwal's continued willingness and cooperation to address this matter.

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If you have any questions with regard to this matter, please contact Jeff Studenka of this office at (801) 538-6779 or via e-mail at jstudenka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Utah Water Quality Board

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